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Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

## **AMENDMENT**

## a.) Introductory Comments

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, in which claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 are rejected, and claims 2, 4, 6, and 8-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable.